

**North West & North Wales Paediatric Critical Care Operational Delivery Network:**  
**Nursing and AHP Sub-Group**  
**Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> July 11am – 1pm via Teams**

**Attendees**

Nicola Longden (NWTS/Co-Chair)	Emily Coup (Stepping Hill)
Katie Higgins (NWTS)	Naomi Harrison (NMGH)
Lucy Alton (PCC ODN)	Dianne Cooke (NMGH)
Sophie Graves (NWTS)	Helen Grey (Whiston)
Georgina Haddock (Warrington)	Katie Phillips (Whiston)
Leonie Hardman (Warrington)	Lowri Lamert (Chester)
Karla Swarbrick (Blackpool)	Penny Hartley (Whiston)
Emily Heggie (Blackpool)	Rebekah Toulmin (Furness)
Abbie Roberts (Lancaster)	Layla Rushtin (Blackburn)
Angharad Pickles (Glan Clwyd)	Sarah Salka (Ormskirk)
Eleanor Moores (Oldham)	Pam Slaughter (wigan)
Sharon Jackson (Leighton)	Isabella Cliff (Warrington)

**Apologies:** Emma Isherwood, Hannah Wright, Rhiannon Evans, Rhea Sinclair.

1. Welcome
2. Introductions & Apologies (NL)
3. Minutes shared from last meeting (NL)
4. Update from the region

**4a. Network – (LA)**

<b>Update</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<p>National calls (country wide data) have been paused but restarted recently in a different format.</p> <p>Guidelines-new process in place to ratify, collaboration with NWTS guidelines team.</p> <p>New LTV and SIC lead nurse appointed.</p> <p>PCC, SIC, LTV educator appointed, starts in September.</p> <p>Continuing with self-assessments against PCC Standards.</p> <p>Feedback is that this been a useful document especially for sharing of good practice.</p> <p>Monies for this year-ongoing</p>	<p>Will fed back to surgical network regarding bleeding tonsillectomy and Oncology network regarding increase of cancer patients and concerns of staffing treatments</p>

<p>Creating an escalation tool (online form) if no beds available, surgery cancelled, etc for both tertiary and DGHs to be able to escalate to the ODN</p> <p>Hamilton ventilators- email expressions of interest for trials of this ventilator</p>	
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#### 4b. Update from NWTS – Nicola Longden

<p><b>Update</b></p> <p>10-10:30 team up and running to help with Level 1 and 2 patients that need moving into tertiary centres.</p> <p>Update soon to see if further funding for winter teams.</p> <p>Referrals very mixed picture currently</p> <p>Concentrating on education over the summer. Outreach (3 hospitals that still need to book), Conference in September (abstract opportunity to present), Grand Round every month, Education website available to all Nurses PCC days,</p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>Will share conference information</p>
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#### 4c. Update from Greater Manchester region (DGH perspective)

Hospital / Name / Department / Update	Actions
<p><b>Bolton</b></p> <p><b>Ward</b>– No update</p> <p><b>A&amp;E</b>- No update</p>	
<p><b>North Manchester</b></p> <p><b>Ward</b>- No update</p> <p><b>ED</b> – Been busy with high acuity patients (VIW, sickle cells)</p>	
<p><b>Oldham</b></p> <p><b>Ward</b> – (EM) busy on the ward but not many acutely ill children. More post tonsillectomy bleeds and anaesthetic reaction (MH) required arterial line, cared for onward.</p> <p>Getting busier this week though</p> <p><b>ED</b> –No update</p>	
<p><b>Salford</b> - No update</p>	
<p><b>Stepping Hill</b></p> <p><b>Ward</b> – (EC) Few NWTS transfers, unusually a few children with sickle cell however has been slightly quieter. CAMHS patients discharged home which has helped.</p> <p><b>ED</b>- No update</p>	
<p><b>Tameside</b></p> <p><b>Ward</b>- No update</p>	

<b>ED- No update</b>	
<b>Wigan</b> <b>Ward – (PS) Quieter time</b> <b>ED-</b>	
<b>Wythenshawe</b> <b>Ward- No Update</b> <b>ED – No update</b>	
<b>Fairfield – No update</b>	To book NWTs Outreach session

#### 4d. Update from Cheshire & Mersey (DGH perspective)

<b>Hospital / Name / Department / Update</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>Arrowe Park</b> <b>Ward- No update</b> <b>ED- No update</b>	
<b>Chester</b> <b>Ward- (LL) steady with patients, few bronchiolitis babies. Lots of CAMHS/safeguarding. 2 post tonsillectomy bleeds re-presenting. NWTs transfer of trache patient -needed cuffed trache. Discussion around if need cuffed traches</b> <b>ED- No update</b>	LA to feed back to SIC Network re tonsillectomy bleeds
<b>Leighton</b> <b>Ward – (SJ) busy, high acuity- no pattern. Big increase in CAMHS patients with safeguarding (4-5 per day presenting in ED). Lots of new oncology diagnoses- no capacity for weekend chemo over the summer in the community. Children will need to travel to AHCH for chemo on weekend.</b> <b>ED- No update</b>	LA to feed back to Oncology Network
<b>Ormskirk</b> <b>Ward- 2nd Gold award, looking for 3<sup>rd</sup> this month. Lost a few senior staff but recruiting.</b> <b>ED – (SS) Received 1<sup>st</sup> gold award.</b> Had two NWTs transfers- OD/Cardiac baby on Prostin Update on digital PCC PHDU competencies-webinar planned	To book NWTs Outreach session
<b>Macclesfield</b> <b>Ward - No update</b> <b>ED- No update</b>	To book NWTs Outreach session
<b>Warrington</b> <b>Ward – (GH) Busy but no NWTs transfers. Lots of long term CAMHS patients. Staffing issues- 6X NQ nurses start in</b>	

<p>September. Completed the ODN PCC self-assessment, input from MDT</p> <p><b>ED-</b> (IC) Busy period but has tailed off. Lots of VIW, mainly teenagers with hay fever, lots of D&amp;V, CAMHS and brain tumour diagnosis</p>	
<p><b>Whiston</b></p> <p><b>ED (HG &amp; PH)</b> – Very busy. Lots of complex, challenging CAMHS, needing tier 4 beds so have to be transferred out. Older wheezy patients- high pollen count. Two SUDC patients- distressing for staff. Discussion around SUDC- children who are pronounced dead at scene being brought to local ED. Re- presenting baby, increasingly unwell and diagnosed with brain tumour, difficult for the staff. Moved into new ED department, some challenges but mainly positive. Local CAMHS team now will be providing 24hr cover, should see patient within 4 hrs (similar to adult MHS targets)</p> <p><b>Ward</b> – No update</p>	

#### 4e. Update from Lancashire and South Cumbria (DGH perspective)

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<p><b>Barrow-In-Furness –</b></p> <p><b>ED – (RT)</b> Staffing issues. Hit and miss with patient acuity.</p> <p><b>Ward-</b> No update</p>	
<p><b>Blackburn</b></p> <p><b>(Ward) - (LR)</b> Been busy, now on EPR. Staff pressure because of this. Few sepsis babies. Few NWTs transfers. Lots of Rhinovirus about. CAMHS patients also</p> <p><b>ED-</b> difficult day, had a meningococcal and cardiac arrest baby. Reported that team well supported by the NWTs team.</p>	
<p><b>Blackpool</b></p> <p><b>Ward-</b> Oncology patients needing treatment, few staffing issues as senior staff leaving, preparing NQ nurses for PHDU/winter with exposure to sicker patient in PHDU, few NWTs transfers, complex CAMHS patient.</p> <p><b>ED-</b> No update</p>	
<p><b>Lancaster</b></p> <p><b>Ward</b> – No update</p> <p><b>ED-</b> (AR) busy few months. Lots of cardiac babies (SVT, cardiac lesions) SUDC process also discussed- anyone</p>	

under 18 comes to local ED. More complex patients- severe migraines, low GCS. CAMHS cover is only 9-4 through the week now, will increase number of CAMHS patients admitted to the ward. Safe space has also been lost.	
<b>Preston</b> <b>Ward</b> – No update <b>ED</b> - No update	To book NWTS Outreach session

#### 4f. Update from North Wales (DGH perspective)

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<b>Bangor</b> <b>Ward</b> - No update <b>ED</b> - No update	
<b>Glan Clwyd</b> <b>Ward</b> - (AP) quite calm, expecting it to be busy over summer with tourists, Fewer CAMHS patient, OOHCA patient managed on AICU with support from ward . Fully staffed but junior heavy. Looking at starting a local PHDU course with Wrexham University <b>ED</b> - No update	
<b>Wrexham</b> <b>Ward</b> - No update <b>ED</b> - No update	

#### 5. Education Update 2023

NL shared feedback from both PCC Nurses day which was very positive and some great ideas for next year education – Please can everyone have a think of the type of education we should deliver next year – this will be discussed at the October meeting.

#### 6. Education session

CPI Safety Interventions training delivered by Gina and Sarah thank you.

#### 7. Terms of reference

Lucy Allton will update these and present at the next meeting.

#### 8. Nurses subgroup members

An email was sent out regarding membership to the nurse's subgroup, replies needed to be sent by the 14<sup>th</sup> July if you wanted to remain in the group. We have had 103 responses thank you, the 88 people who did not reply will no longer receive emails from the group.

### **9. Deputy chair.**

We are looking for expressions of interest for the positions of deputy chairs, please reply to myself Nicola Longden and Lucy Allton [nicola.longden@mft.nhs.uk](mailto:nicola.longden@mft.nhs.uk) and [lucy.allton@mft.nhs.uk](mailto:lucy.allton@mft.nhs.uk) by the end of September, looking forward to hearing from you.

### **10. Future Meeting date**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Virtual meeting – Emily Coup from stepping Hill will present how they are running there HDU course.

### **11. AOB**

Trusts are stopping APLS and just completing PILS how are people maintaining trauma updates – completing EPALS and in house trauma courses.